



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Health Services

At its meeting held June 21, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

“Los Angeles County has more people living with AIDS today than ever before. At least 28,800 Los Angeles County residents are known to have died from AIDS. Los Angeles County has at least 20,300 individuals known to be living with AIDS, and an estimated 57,000 individuals living with HIV/AIDS. In the year 2004, African Americans, Asian Americans and Latinos accounted for more than 70% of all AIDS cases diagnosed and nearly 85% of all AIDS cases reported among women in Los Angeles County.

“HIV counseling and testing is crucial to reaching the estimated 15,000 persons that are HIV-infected and unaware of their status in Los Angeles County. To stop the spread of the County’s estimated 2,000 new HIV infections, which occur every year, voluntary counseling, education, testing, referral, and partner-notification programs provide people an opportunity to learn their HIV status, receive information about any behavior changes needed to avoid infection and transmission of HIV to others and receive referrals to additional prevention and medical care.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Proclaimed June 24 through 28, 2005 as “HIV Counseling and Testing Days” throughout Los Angeles County, as promoted by the Department of Health Services, Public Health, Office of AIDS Programs and Policy;

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2. Urged all community-based organizations and medical providers to become aware of the importance of HIV counseling and testing and to lend their full support to this campaign; and
3. Urged all individuals to understand HIV transmission, assess their risk for HIV infection, and consider taking an HIV test as appropriate.

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